

Exide Update

Cleanup Update: The State Department of Toxic Substances Control's (DTSC) residential cleanup is delayed due to failed negotiations between DTSC and the contractor on the terms of the contract to clean 2,500 properties. The State ended negotiations and has not provided information on when cleanup will begin. For questions, please call the State at 1-877-225-3887.

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health continues to work in communities impacted by Exide lead contamination in the following ways:

INCREASE COMMUNITY AWARENESS



Conducted presentations and updates to over **850** parents and community members.

40 outreaches conducted by Exide Public Health Nurse to provide information to residents on how to protect themselves and their pets from lead poisoning.

To date, **194** outreaches and **23** presentations have been conducted by Department of Mental Health promotoras to raise community awareness about Exide.

If you would like to request a presentation, please email SPA7@ph.lacounty.gov

CONNECT WITH SCHOOLS



Since September 2017, presented to LAUSD school administrators about community health needs and the importance of blood lead testing.

Provided information and updates to about **250** LAUSD parents.

Since August 2017, partnered with South Central Los Angeles Regional Center to increase screening services for students in the neighborhoods surrounding the Exide plant.

ADDRESS HEALTH CONCERNS



Sent out Exide information to more than **700** providers.

Department of Mental Health promotoras and Department of Public Health visited **174** local private clinics to inform them about Exide contamination and encourage blood lead level testing of patients.

Ongoing Public Health Nurse follow-up to help connect residents to services and resources.

For free blood lead testing, call 1-844-888-2290.

ADVOCATE FOR A COMPREHENSIVE CLEANUP PLAN

The County testified at a State hearing and met with legislators to share community concerns and advocate on behalf of the residents impacted by Exide. Key topics included:

- Resume cleanup immediately
- Make three important changes to implementation of the cleanup plan by including parkway cleanup, interior cleanup of homes, and a block-by-block approach to the cleanup
- Identify funds for the cleanup of the remaining homes

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:

- Free Blood Lead Testing: 1-844-888-2290
- For Lead and Related Health Questions: 1-800-524-5323
- Mental Health Access Center: 1-800-854-7771

UPCOMING EVENTS:**VISIT OUR RESOURCE CENTER**

Daytime

East LA Health Center:

133 N. Sunol Dr, Los Angeles 90063

9:30AM – 11:30AM

3/14/18 ▪ 3/28/18 ▪ 4/11/18 ▪ 5/9/18 ▪ 5/23/18

Ruben Salazar Park:

3864 Whittier Blvd, Los Angeles 90023

10:00AM – 12:00PM

3/20/18 ▪ 4/17/18 ▪ 5/15/18

Resurrection Church:

3324 Opal St, Los Angeles 90023

8:30AM – 1:30PM

3/25/18 ▪ 4/29/18

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Evening

East LA Health Center:

133 N. Sunol Dr, Los Angeles 90063

5:00PM – 7:00PM

3/7/18 ▪ 3/21/18 ▪ 4/4/18 ▪ 4/17/18 ▪ 5/1/18 ▪
5/15/18**Ruben Salazar Park:**

3864 Whittier Blvd, Los Angeles 90023

5:30PM – 7:30PM

3/8/18 ▪ 4/12/18 ▪ 5/10/18

COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS AND MEETINGS**Resurrection Church:**

3324 Opal St, Los Angeles, 90023

6:00PM

3/12/18 ▪ 4/9/18 ▪ 5/14/18

*Please call 323-768-2542 to confirm dates and times.

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GET TO KNOW THE STAFF:

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Call with questions about soil testing, soil test results, and soil clean up:

California Department of Toxic Substances Control Hotline: 1-844-225-3887

Website: <http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/Projects/UpdateExideSuspension.cfm>

